

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

ITEM

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DECISION

TOPIC

Owego Wildlife Area, Woodbury County -- Boehmer

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested for the acquisition of a tract of land located 8 miles southeast of Sergeant Bluff, and 1 mile north of the Luton in Woodbury County. This 615-acre parcel is offered by Bernard Boehmer for the appraised price of \$553,500. The property is encumbered by a Wetland Reserve Program easement.

Neil Helvig, Licensed Appraiser of Helvig Agricultural Service Co., Sioux City, Iowa, submitted the appraisal. Jerry Gibson negotiated the purchase agreement.

The subject tract has 588 acres subject to a Wetland Program Easement filed in May 2002, 13 acres of waste, 4 acres of ditch, and 10 acres of road right-of-way. The restoration plan drafted by the NRCS will provide for 380 acres of native wetland vegetation, 160 acres of marsh or wetlands, and 45 acres of open water. Acquisition of the tract will provide additional public recreation, hunting, and enhance the water quality in a highly agricultural area of the Missouri River floodplain. There are no buildings.

Acquisition funding will be 100% (Federal) Middle Missouri River-NAWCA Phase II. Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department.

Attachment

Linda Hanson, Administrator
Management Services Division
January 15, 2007

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TOPIC Good Neighbors Marsh, Winnebago County -- Kiewiet and Molloy Tract

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested for the acquisition of a parcel of land located in Winnebago County. Kaylene Kiewiet, Thomas Kiewiet, Michael Molloy, and Carol Molloy are offering this 79.12-acre tract for the appraised price of \$68,000. The property is encumbered by a Wetland Reserve Program easement.

Fred Greder, ARA, of Benchmark Agribusiness, Mason City, Iowa, submitted the appraisal. Jerry Gibson negotiated the purchase agreement.

The property is located approximately five miles north of Thompson adjacent to 460th Street. The property consists of 76.14 acres of encumbered farmland restored to 57 acres of native prairie, 4 acres of tame grass prairie, and 13 acres of wetlands. There are 2.98 acres of road right-of-way and waste. The NRCS restoration plan will enhance filtration by seeding a prairie/grassland mix on prior cropland. Acquisition of this tract will provide excellent habitat for waterfowl and upland birds as well as water quality enhancement.

The parcel is adjacent to 484 acres of Wildlife Management Areas, and within one mile of 526 acres of additional Waterfowl Production and Wildlife Management Areas. The Wildlife Bureau will manage the property.

Acquisition will be from the Federal Prairie Lakes II-NAWCA Fund (\$63,000), and a \$5,000 donation from Pheasants Forever. Incidental closing costs are the responsibility of the Department

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Closed session

The Commission is requested to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing strategy for acquiring a piece of property pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(j).

This section of the Code allows the commission “to discuss the purchase of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for the property.

Linda Hanson, Administrator
Management Services Division

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